

# Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to After-final amendment filed 11/23/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5-17 and 19-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 1/2/2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1-2, 5-17, 19-22 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach the specific combination of elements as claimed. In particular the prior art fails to teach *inter alia* a portable organizing method and system including a display, a hand-held housing and includes the feature of allowing a user to access an assignment record on an institutional system, wherein the assignment is characterized by an estimated duration or completion date; and configured to receive a user schedule constraint; and an agent configured to create a calendar entry for the accessed assignment record in response to the user schedule constraint and the estimated duration or completion date; and further comprising a sensor responsive to a unique identifying signal from an identification tag attachable to an article and operable to emit said unique identifying signal; wherein the agent is further configured to initiate a notification to the user in response to the unique identifying signal. The closest prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest this feature in the combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### *Conclusion*

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- Schenker et al. (USPN 6,633,223) - disclose a system for tracking student attendance and monitoring possession and use of institutional inventory.
- Kaufman et al. (USPN 6,774,811) – disclose a system including a client device that tracks tags attached to articles to determine who has possession of the articles.
- Kashima (USPN 6,711,378) – discloses an online education course with customized course scheduling.

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- Blants (USPN 6,732,080) – discloses a system and method for providing personal calendar services.
- Ford et al. (USPN 6,549,939) discloses a proactive calendar notification agent.
- Francis et al. (FR002677148A1) – disclose a process of detecting articles.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cameron Saadat whose telephone number is (571) 272-4443. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on (571) 272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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